

EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

Every year 300,000 babies under the year old die in the United States.

Italy and Greece haven't threatened to enter the war since day before yesterday.

Anyhow, the name of Cracow, the next town the Russians will attack, can be pronounced.

Snow in the Kentucky mountains Sunday was six inches deep, the heaviest of the season.

Buff Wyandottes are leading in a Missouri egg laying contest with Barred Rocks a close second and third.

The Kentucky Press Association will meet in Jackson, Breathitt county, June 14, and a delightful outing will be arranged.

It is a wonder somebody has not been moved to remark that Russia is about to Bukovina in the Galician campaign. (Diagram on application.)

The bandit whose men killed Jno. B. McManus in Mexico City has with much formality, expressed regret at the killing, but McManus is still dead.

The fall of Przemyśl Monday caused another drop of four cents in wheat, which closed at \$1.51½. In Chicago, the price of bread has resumed the normal figure of 5 cents a loaf.

Let's have a show down on that poll that shows 12 out of the 11 members of the Democratic Executive Committee opposed to a platform convention. It is up to you, Chairman Vansant.

A New York judge decided in a case in which a 15-year-old girl was brought into court for receiving the attentions of young men against her mother's wishes, that any girl was old enough to have beaux who wanted them.

If the committee refuses to call a state convention, how would it do for the Democrats who favor a platform convention to hold a series of district conventions and tell the people of Kentucky their views on party and personal platforms?

Recently a statement appeared in the press that Smith Center, Kan., was peopled largely with unmarried persons and hundreds of letters have been written by persons who were anxious to marry. The council has instructed the city clerk to prepare a list of all single persons who are marriageable and mail it to any one on request, for a two cent stamp.

More About Guthrie.

Mrs. A. C. Pettus, of San Antonio, Tex., daughter of W. F. Bibb, writes the Clarksville Leaf-Chronicle that her father now dead, founded Guthrie, Ky., in 1859 buying a farm covering the present site and building a hotel of which he was proprietor until after the war. When the railroad came he did not want the town named for him, but it was named for a railroad official. She says the Misses Grant had a hotel at Tate's station and afterwards moved to Guthrie. A Mr. Murray lived for a short time near the state line, who would be past 80 if now living.

Ten in One Family.

The Berlin Kreuz Zeitung contains an obituary notice inserted by Count von Buelow's family announcing the death of ten members of that family at the front. All of killed were officers, and included Major General Carl von Buelow.

Ky. Rural Credit Association.

I wish to inform the farmers who have inquired for me, that I will be in Hopkinsville, at Hotel Latham, Saturday, March 27th.

C. H. HARRISON.

LIFE TERMS FOR CHAFIN AND WILSON

Bubber Chafin and Ernest Wilson Adjudged Guilty of Murdering J. M. Renshaw.

VERDICT GIVEN YESTERDAY.

Jury Took The Case About 4:30 O'clock Tuesday Afternoon.

The Renshaw case was concluded at 4:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, when Commonwealth's Attorney Smith concluded a powerful plea for the conviction of Bubber Chafin and Ernest Wilson, the two negroes charged with the murder of John M. Renshaw Sept. 25, 1914. Upon the assembling of court yesterday morning at 8:30, the jury brought in a verdict, which had been arrived at over night. Both defendants were adjudged guilty as charged and given life sentences in the penitentiary. The only other alternatives under the court's instructions would have been death or acquittal.

THE CASE ARGUED.

The argument in the case began Monday night, the night speeches being made by C. H. Bush for the defense and O. H. Anderson for the prosecution. The crowd that heard them packed the court room to the doors, many being unable to get in. Judge Hanbery made an order requiring every person entering the court room to be searched for weapons; no pistols were found but several retired without being searched. This was a precautionary measure, as the crowds have been orderly at all times, with no indications of an outbreak.

Tuesday morning's speeches were made in the following order: W. T. Fowler for the prosecution, G. W. Southall for the defense, County Attorney Ira D. Smith for the prosecution, John C. Duffy for the closing speech of the defense and Commonwealth's Attorney Denny P. Smith made the final argument for the state.

All the speeches were strong and able presentations of the case from the different points of view.

The evidence to the minutest detail was analyzed and summarized to the very best advantage. The jury was an unusually intelligent body of men and they listened patiently to the many hours of argument.

The general opinion was that a conviction was inevitable. Some expected a death sentence for Chafin, who was held to be the leader in the affair, with Wilson, a weaker tool, as his assistant.

Sheriff Jewell Smith, the young sheriff, has worked hard on the case from the very first and assisted by Edgar and Jarred Renshaw, sons of the murdered man, Ben Winfree, Tom Clark and Sol Fritz, has gathered a chain of evidence from which there was no escape. Though most of it was circumstantial, hardly a link was missing and the only way to escape a conclusion of guilt would have been to discredit the witnesses themselves, many of whom were colored. The jury evidently gave full credit to testimony given by colored witnesses against men of their own race.

Commonwealth Attorney Smith's closing speech was one of the best speeches he has ever made here. In fact all of the lawyers in the case excelled themselves and the trial will be recalled as a most important, hard-fought and memorable one.

Clark Case Called.

The case against E. W. Clark, charged with an offense against a female under sixteen years of age, was called in Circuit Court yesterday and trial entered into, but the case went over until this morning when the jury will be made up.

MEETING OF H. B. M. A.

Will Be Held Tomorrow Night, The First For Some Time.

NEW SECRETARY IN CHARGE.

Members Will Get Busy And Start a Lively Spring Campaign.

The Hopkinsville Business Men's Association will hold a meeting tomorrow night, it being the time for a regular semi-monthly meeting. But few attempts to hold meetings have been made during the winter months, but now there is a general desire to get busy and "start something."

John W. Richards, the new secretary, took charge Monday and is busy today stirring up the members for the coming meeting. It is proposed to open up some new work for the spring campaign and make the H. B. M. A. the same potential factor in city affairs it has always been. Don't fail to make your arrangements to be on hand, if you are a member, and bring a new member with you.

NEW TRACKS FOR L. & N. CO.

Land Purchased From Jackson and Ellis For 800 Feet of Sidings.

The L. & N. Railroad Company has bought a strip of ground extending from Fourteenth street to Twelfth street for the purpose of widening the tracks. Fred Jackson sold a strip 34 feet wide at the Fourteenth street end and the Ellis Ice & Coal Co. one 60 feet wide at Twelfth street. The city has been asked for permission to lay two additional tracks across 14th and 13th streets on the west side. The new tracks will give additional shipping facilities to the coal and ice business of the parties from whom the land was bought. There will be two new tracks about 400 feet in length.

Professional Men Cited.

Summonses were served on five lawyers and three physicians, including the city physician, by the police to appear in the police court on charges of failing to pay their city licenses. The defendants are Attorney C. A. Wickliffe, E. T. Washburn, D. G. Park, W. M. Oliver and John G. Miller, Jr. The physicians are: Dr. W. T. Graves, city physician; Dr. H. T. Haessig and Dr. Leonard Champion.—Paducah Sun.

Double Tragedy.

New York, March 24.—Howard Boocock, treasurer of the Astor Trust company, of this city, and prominent in New York society, shot and killed his wife Monday night as she was playing the piano for his entertainment in their home in East Seventy-fourth street. The banker then committed suicide with the same revolver.

Mr. Harris Better.

Mr. Jno. M. Harris, of Pembroke, was reported much improved yesterday and his case is now decidedly more hopeful. His wound was again drained and found to be in good condition.

Mrs. Henry Better.

Mrs. J. J. Henry, who has been ill for several days, was much improved yesterday and her condition no longer regarded with apprehension.

American Executed.

Henry Carlson, an American soldier of fortune, fighting with the Villa forces, is reported to have been executed by Carranza officers.

DESTINIES ARE UNITED

Mr. Malcolm Frankel and Miss Louise Moore Married Yesterday Morning.

AT GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Left On The Noon Train For a Honeymoon Trip To Louisville and Chicago.

Mr. Malcolm David Frankel and Miss Louise Barker Moore were married yesterday morning at eleven o'clock in the rectory of Grace Episcopal church. In the absence of the rector, Rev. Geo. C. Abbott, the ceremony was performed by Rev. Louis Powell, of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Only a limited number of the relatives and close friends of the contracting parties were present. It had been planned to have the wedding take place last evening, but reservations could not be secured on the L. & N. train and at the last moment the marriage was solemnized at an earlier hour and the bridal couple left on the 12:05 train for Louisville via Princeton. After a short stay in Louisville they will proceed to Chicago for a bridal trip of a week or two.

The wedding party and other friends accompanied them to the Illinois Central depot where they were showered with rice as they boarded the train. Those at the church were Mrs. Upshur Woolbridge and Mrs. M. A. Mason, sisters of the bride; Misses Elizabeth Mason, Kathleen Carothers and Mary Brant Givens, of Paris, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Frankel, parents of the groom; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kleeman and Messrs. Sam Frankel, Charles Slaughter and Joseph Slaughter.

The groom is a prominent and highly esteemed young business man, connected with one of the city's largest mercantile establishments. His bride, an attractive and accomplished girl of the blonde type of beauty, tall and graceful, is the youngest daughter of the late Wm. S. Moore, one of the most prominent planters in South Christian.

The marriage is a happy culmination of an attachment that has lasted from the time the young couple first entered society a few seasons ago.

Upon their return home they will in a short while go to housekeeping in the Royalty cottage on South Virginia street.

SLOGAN SIGN IN PLACE

Located On East Side of Peace Park After So Long a Time.

Objections to the placing of the Slogan sign "Greater Hopkinsville Wants You" on the Campbell street side of Peace Park were withdrawn by the Park Commissioners and the sign was yesterday erected on poles placed at the curb line. It is 45 feet long and is swung about 35 feet from the ground and when illuminated can be seen a long distance. The lights will probably be turned on to-night.

Changes In Real Estate.

W. R. Stewart has sold his residence lot on Campbell street to W. E. Gray and is giving immediate possession. Mr. Stewart has finished the work of remodeling his new residence, the former Baptist parsonage, and moved into it yesterday.

Quarterly Conference.

The second quarterly meeting of the Hopkinsville circuit will be held at Longview next Saturday, March 27. There will be preaching at 11 o'clock and quarterly conference will be held in the afternoon.

An idle rumor is about as busy as a mosquito that works overtime.

RUSSIANS MOVE ON CRACOW

Will Take Fortress Near German Frontier in Month, Is Prediction.

120,000 MEN ARE CAPTURED.

Allies Repair Vessels to Renew Attack on Forts of Dardanelles.

London, March 24.—The size of the garrison at Przemyśl and the number of men who surrendered to the Russians greatly exceed all estimates. According to Petrograd dispatches the garrison originally consisted of 170,000 men of whom 40,000 were killed. Nearly 120,000 surrendered when the fortress capitulated.

A blizzard, which has interfered with the telegraphic service, prevents details of the surrender from coming through, but Lemburg reports that for seven days prior to the fall of the fortress the people had nothing to eat and the Russians, who took in large supplies of provisions, were welcomed as liberators.

Dispatches from Lemburg also say that 15,000 persons were found suffering from typhus or cholera and that the work of disinfecting the place is being undertaken energetically. The interior forts, it is said, were found intact with a good deal of ammunition in them.

Everywhere in Europe, both in belligerent and neutral countries, the greatest credit is given the Austrians for their long and stubborn resistance, which has delayed and interfered with the Russian campaign in other directions.

Now that the Russians, whose numbers, like those of the Austrians, must have been greater than estimated, no longer are compelled to invest this fortress, a big movement either against Cracow or in the Carpathians doubtless will be started. With their northern lines protected by the morass into which the greater part of Poland is converted during the spring months, the Russians are expected to throw all their strength against the Austrians and attempt finally to crush them.

One British military critic stakes his reputation on the prophecy that Cracow will fall within a month, and that when it does, or before, Austria will endeavor to conclude a separate peace. He is more optimistic than most military critics here, who believe the Austrians and Germans will make a great effort in the southern field and attempt to prevent the Russians from crossing the Carpathians or reaching Cracow.

In the west there have been a few attacks and counter attacks, but nothing that in this war of big battles causes more than passing comments.

Unfavorable weather continues to cause a lull in the Dardanelles. The allies are taking advantage of this to effect repairs on vessels which suffered in the last bombardment.

Reports as to the effect of the big gun fire on the forts are contradictory, but one explanation of the fact that firing was continued from the land after the forts were presumably destroyed is that the Germans had brought down howitzers, which were moved from place to place on rails.

The Turks again have attacked the Suez canal. The guns of the forts opened Monday on a small force which crossed Sinai from Bir El Saha. The Turks, who numbered 1,000 and were accompanied by three German officers, retired for about eight miles, where they were attacked by a large force under General Younghusband, and, according to British official accounts were routed.

Snowslide This Time.

Fifty miners were killed and as many more injured by a snowslide which swept away several houses at Howe Sound, B. C.

Chitchat.

JAMES—According to a Marion dispatch, Senator Ollie James has not gone to Honolulu, although it was announced he would go this month. He is now at home. His mother has been very ill, but is improved somewhat at this time. After remaining with his mother for a short visit, Senator James will go to Paducah to look after some business interests.

BUSH—A complimentary notice of Judge Charlie Bush in the Mayfield Messenger has set the political gossips to discussing him as a possible candidate against Laurence Fian for Railroad Commissioner. Judge Bush is a railroad attorney and a good one at that. There is absolutely nothing in the Mayfield mare's nest. His position at the head of the Hopkinsville bar is worth more to him than a political office.

SOUTHALL—Gov. and Mrs. Ege gave a reception at the governor's mansion in Nashville that was a brilliant affair. Among the ladies who served frappe in the music room was Mrs. James Southall, Mrs. Rye's sister. Her husband is a Hopkinsville boy whose first "job" was in the Kentuckian office as a printer's devil. He is now a prosperous businessman of Nashville.

BIBLE—John Franklin Bible is indeed hard earned about going to Mississippi to live. He is back from a trip to Yazoo City, where he closed a trade for 830 acres of land near that place and will go the latter part of next week to live on his plantation. His purpose is to raise live stock and poultry in connection with farming on a large scale. The plantation has a fourteen-room mansion and eight or ten houses for tenants. Mr. Bible's friends expect to hear from him upon the upper rungs of the ladder, as soon as the Mississippi people find out what a ten-strike they have made in enticing him away from Kentucky.

YOUNGHUSBAND—Every now and then we stumble on a new name. Gen. Younghusband is one of the British officers fighting the Turks around the Suez canal. If the General doesn't mind, a curious public would like to know who tagged him in the first place?

GARY—George Gary has been on the verge of writing a spring poem for several days. His friends are watching him closely and hope the attack will blow over without the necessity of an operation.

PETERSON—The public is finding out by degrees that Prof. Walter S. Peterson is one of the liveliest wires who has hit Hopkinsville in many years. He came from so far south that snow was a curiosity to him, but he is rapidly becoming acclimated and is destined to become a typical Hopkinsville booster before his first year is up. By the way he turned down a \$3,000 offer from a down South college the other day and says the Kentucky asparagus bed is good enough for him. He is worrying the Trustees to death to make dormitory room for the 100 new girls he says he is sure to have at Bethel College next September.

Fatal Auto Accident.

Mayfield, Ky., March 24.—Mrs. J. J. Giles was killed Monday night on College street in a collision between an automobile, in which she was driving, and a grocery wagon. A shaft of the vehicle pierced her breast, causing almost instant death. Mr. Giles is foreman of the weaving department of the Mayfield Woollen Mills and formerly lived in Louisville.

To Be Married Tuesday.

Miss Posey Cullen, of Wheatcroft, Ky., who had been here for several days on a visit to Mrs. K. M. Fairleigh, left Tuesday for her home. Miss Cullen will be married Tuesday, at her home, to Mr. Chas. S. Jenkins, a prominent young business man of Beebe, Ark. She is a graduate of Bethel College and was a teacher in the college last year.